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Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2001, Applicants respectfully request that the following Amendments to the above-referenced patent application be entered and considered by the Examiner. A petition for a two month extension of time is submitted herewith.

Instructions to amend the specification by replacement or addition of paragraphs in clean form pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b), is included in this communication. A marked-up version of the specification's replacement paragraphs pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b) is attached at Appendix 1.

A clean version of the rewritten or added claims with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i) is included in this communication. A clean version of the entire set of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) as they should appear following entry of this amendment is attached as Appendix II.